

Boston's Maritime Industrial History
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Account Books – Mass – Boston (for companies located on the docks, dates are dates of the records)

Apthorp, Charles – 1718-1736. Ms.f Am. 1603 pf

[East India Dock Co.] Boston.

Cash Books, various dates between Jan 1827-Apr 1878

Journal Book 1847-1879

Ledger Book 1837-1879. Ms. Acc. 1418F-1424F

(see also: Brown, Charles H., 1792-1858. Ms.q. 1425-1426 and
Nonantum (ship) Cash Book 1v. 1827-50. Ms. Acc. 1419 Fol.)

Fisher and Company – 1858-1870. Letters of business, receipts.
Ms. Am. 1281 (1-13).

Green, Benjamin – 1764-1773. Ms.f Am. 2397

Guttridge, Robert – Feb 1706-Dec 1718. Ms.f Am. 1048

Hancock, John – 1760-1761. Ms.q Am. 2084 and Ch. M.3.5 Vol. 1

Parsons, Charles Chauncy – 1782-1851, ship listings ca. 1805-1819. Ms. 2930 qto

Pickens, James – 1805-1833. Ms.q Am. 1110.

Treat and Pico – 1766. Ms.v Am. 1194.

Wilkins, (Charles) & Co. – 1846-1847. Ms.f Am. 1413 (1)

Boston – Commerce

Henry Poor & Co. 1844, 1851-2. Delivery company records. Ms.q Am. 1610 (1).

Powers, Thomas, d. 1809(?). Hester (ship), passports, clearance papers, invoices,
and other documents for commercial voyage from Boston to Haiti. Ms. Am. 1351.

Boston – Wharves

Boston Wharf Company, 1927. Ms.f Am. 2329

Clarke's Wharf, 1753. Ch. M.3.5 v.1 p.33b, Ms. 275

Dolbeare's Wharf, 1875. Ms. 2198

East Boston Wharf Company (Martin Brimmer), coll. deeds, records. Acct with Boston Merchantile Wharf Co. Ms. Am. 795

East India Dock Company, Boston. (see also Brown, Charles H., 1792-1858) Ms. Am. 1425 & 6 quarto

Lewis Wharf – 1833-1883. Dockage Books. Ms.f Am. 2138
Wharfage Books, 1833-1836. Ms.f Am. 2137

Long Wharf Corporation, Boston. 1713-1729. Papers. Ms. 578

Long Wharf, ca. 1805-1819. Account book of Charles Chauncy Parsons, No. 65
Long Wharf. Ms. 2930 qto

Log Books – only those not concerned with whaling and fishing

Alwida (ship) Job Tolam (captain) Voyages to West Indies. 1842-1843.
Ms.f Am. 1602 Folio

Brewer, Henry Maitland, Ship: William Gay of Boston Ms. 2432 Folio.

Gardner, John T. – Boston Harbor Master's Log Book, (1863-1870: John T. Gardner) Ms. 6350a.50 quarto

Hardie, Charles Frederick. Isaac Orr (master) McClellan (ship) 1844-1846.
Ms.f Am 2134

Martin, James P. (captain). Tanjore (ship). 1863-1866. Ms. Am. 505

Sayer, William. Log book for commercial voyages from Boston to Havana, Europe, South America and West Indies. 1827-1834. Ms.f Am. 1355

Susan Hinks (ship) J.S. Atwood (master) from Calcutta to New Orleans and Boston. Apr-Nov 1866. Ms.f Am. 2168

Maps – Boston Harbor

1. Earliest known chart of Boston Harbor. Ms. pb Map 4

Merchants, American – Mass – Boston

A. P. Morse & Co. Records, 1848 – 1880. ca 207 items. Letters and invoices pertaining to trade with Cuba. Ms. 2791

Brown, Moses 1742-1827 – Letters relating to trade, 98 items. Ms. 2832

Godfrey, Thomas, 1704-1749. ALS to Jones and Griffin, merchants, Boston, on his ship and others being fired upon by H.M.S. Gosport, and several hands impressed. 23 Oct. 1742. Ms. Ch. A.4.55

Greenleaf, Ezekiel Price, 1790-1886. Diary, 1819, including description of commercial trip to Charlestown, S.C. Ms.f Am. 2332

Harding, Samuel, - 8 Letters to Frederick Nickerson & Co., merchants, Boston, on business as captain of their ship Criterion – Trent Affair. Nov 1861-Jan 1862. Ms. 1569 (1-8)

Mackay & Coolidge – Correspondence to. Ms. Am. 1583 and Ms. Am. 1585

Silsby, Enoch. Papers, ca. 1792-1854. Letters, receipts, bills, the cotton trade, the ship “Parthian”. Ms. 2815

Weld, Aaron Davis. Letter copy book. ca. 350 letters from Weld or his associate John Treadwell to various customers and suppliers, Sep 1846-Apr 1847.

Ships – Inspection

U.S. Steamboat. Inspection services, Boston. Ms. 2931 Folio

Shipbuilding

Detchevery, Martin. ALS to Guionneau, Leblond, about building an armed ship, Cape Francais, Haiti, 1729. Ch. M.2.3 v.3 p.443

Flying Cloud (ship). Article and picture about launch of, A. 3432.1 v. 1 p.5 and 65 Folio

George Washington (ship), article and picture about launch of, A. 3432.1 v. 1 p.345 Folio

West Indies – Commerce – Boston

Alwilda (ship) Ms. Am. 1602 Folio

Hitchcock & Nash. West Indies goods. Ms. Am. 1617

Wyckoff & Scormser, merchants, NY. Ms. Am. 1586 to Silas Pierce & Co.,
Boston

Wharves – Boston, Chelsea, Charlestown, East Boston

Chelsea Ferries. Ms. 2514

East Boston Wharf Co. Collection of deeds, records, accounts. Ms. Am. 795

Lewis Wharf. Dockage books 1833-1883. Ms.f Am. 2138

Wharfage books 1833-1836. Ms.f Am. 2137

Long Wharf Ms. 578 Fol.

Parsons, Charles Chauncy 1782-1851. Account book listing ships and captains,
amounts of money invested, and merchandise shipped from Mo. 65 Long Wharf
ca. 1805-1819. Ms. 2930 qto.

Winnisimmet Ferry – Ms. 2513 & 2314

(For list of wharves see Boston City Directories)

Print items

Boston City Directories (also available on microfilm) containing maps of the city
and listings of wharves and businesses located on the wharves

Boston Public Library. *Ships and the Sea: A Catalog of an Exhibition of Books
and Manuscripts in Tribute to Boston's Maritime Past July 1 – September 30,
1966 in the Boston Public Library*. Boston Public Library: Boston, MA, 1966.
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Microtext and Newspaper Department strengths in maritime history include:

1. Passenger and Immigration Lists

- a. Boston
 - b. New York
 - c. Miscellaneous and Atlantic Coast Ports
 - d. Providence
 - e. New Bedford
 - f. Passenger Lists of the Holland America Line, 1900-1940
2. Crew Lists
- a. Gloucester
 - b. Ships and Seafarers of Atlantic Canada (CD-Rom)
3. Lloyd's publications
- a. Registre Veritas
 - b. Lloyd's confidential shipping movements, 1939-1945
 - c. Lloyd's register of British and foreign shipping
 - d. Register of shipping for the year –
 - e. Lloyd's Oversea shipping intelligence, 1917-1918
 - f. Lloyd's List and Shipping gazette
 - g. Lloyd's Captains Registers, 1851-1947
 - h. Others?
4. Commercial Newspapers
- a. Boston Shipping and Commercial, 1843-1885
 - b. Whalemens's Shipping List, and Merchant's Transcript
 - c. Journal of Commerce
 - d. Other cities (usually in original format, not micro-format)
 - i. Savannah
 - ii. New York
 - iii. Philadelphia
 - iv. San Francisco
 - v. New Orleans
5. General Newspapers
- a. Massachusetts newspapers
 - b. Historic Boston Globe (digital)
 - c. Historic New York Times (digital)
 - d. Royal Gazettes from Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John, St. Johns, Fredericton, Montreal
6. Customs Lists
- a. Naval Office Shipping Lists
 - i. Jamaica, 1683-1818, Reels 1-7
 - ii. West Indies, Reels 1-15
 - iii. New York, Reels 1-3
 - iv. Virginia, 1698-1769, Reels 1-4
 - v. New Jersey, 1722-1764, Reel 1
 - vi. Maryland, 1689-1754, Reel 1
 - vii. East Florida, 1746-1769, Reel 1
 - viii. Georgia, 1752-1767, Reel 1
 - ix. New Hampshire, 1723-1769, Reel 1
 - x. Massachusetts, 1686-1765, Reels 1-2

- xi. South Carolina, 1716-1767, Reels 1-2
- xii. Nova Scotia, 1730-1820, Reels 1-3

7. Naval History

- a. U.S. Naval Administration in World War II
- b. Logbooks and Journals of the U.S.S. Constitution, 1798-1934
- c. Index to Compiled Service Records of American Naval Personnel Who served during the Revolutionary War
- d. Massachusetts in the Army and Navy during the War of 1861-1865
- e. Abstracts of Service Records of naval officers, records of officers, 1829-1924
- f. Parris, Alexander. Plans of buildings and machinery erected in the Navy Yard, Boston from 1830 to 1840
- g. John Paul Jones papers

8. Papers

- a. The Forbes Family (47 reels, MHS)
- b. Microfilm edition of the Samuel Cabot papers, 1713-1858
- c. Thomas Handisyd Perkins Papers

9. Dissertations

10. Diplomatic Records

- a. Despatches from the U.S. Consuls in Monrovia, 1852-1906
- b. Diplomatic dispatches from the United States Ministers to Liberia, 1863-1906

11. Local Histories

Also in the Microtext Department:

Publication Number	Publication Title	Record Group Number(s)	Record Group Title	Number of Rolls/Fiche
M118	History of the Boston Navy Yard, 1797-1874, by Commodore George Henry Preble, U.S.N., 1875.	45	Naval Records Collection of the Office of Naval Records and Library	1
M1740	Records of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Washington, Office of the Director, Intelligence Files, 'The Boston Series,' 1941-1945.	226	Records of the Office of Strategic Services	3
M1866	Indexes to Certificates of Registration and Enrollment Issued for Merchant Vessels at Boston, Massachusetts, ca. 1827-1868.	41	Records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation	1
M265A	Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1848-1891. Rolls 1-200	36	Records of the U.S. Customs Service	200
M265B	Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1848-1891. Rolls 201-282	36	Records of the U.S. Customs Service	82
M277	Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1820-1891.	36	Records of the U.S. Customs Service	115
T1023	Plans of Buildings and Machinery Erected in the Navy Yard, Boston.	71	Records of the Bureau of Yards and	1

	1830-1840.		Docks	
T1257	Letters Sent by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Collectors of Customs at Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, and Philadelphia ('I' Series), 1847-1878.	56	General Records of the Department of the Treasury	19
T521	Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, January 1, 1902-June 30, 1906.	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	11
T617	Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, July 1, 1906-Dec. 31, 1920.	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	11
T790	Book Indexes, Boston Passenger Lists, 1899-1940.	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	107
T843A	Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943. Rolls 1-200	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	200
T843B	Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943. Rolls 201-400	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	200
T843C	Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1891-1943. Rolls 401-454	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	54
T938A	Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1917-1943. Rolls 1-200	85	Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service	200